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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Pacific Ocean Islands

1. Attached is a two-page paper on why the island areas of the Pacific Ocean are important today and how their importance may grow in the future. With it is a longer study of this issue. Both were done by a professor friend of mine from the University of Kansas named Felix Moos. He did the basic study while on assignment with the Department of State recently. He did the two-page condensation at my request. I had in mind that this is an area we have never discussed during my time with the Agency. It's an area I have never presented anything to the President on. Perhaps it is not worth either but I suspect it might make a useful topic for a short discussion in both fora.
2. I would appreciate your looking it over with a particular reference to whether there are intelligence requirements that might come out of this area in the next few years.



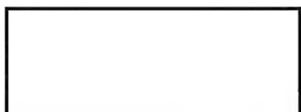
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